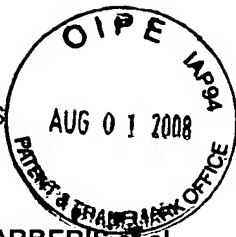


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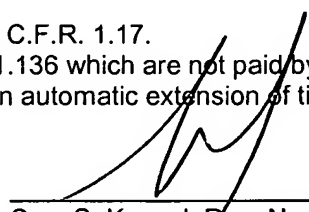
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In re application of: **Pierre BARBERIS et al.**
Serial No.: 10/541,774
Filed: July 7, 2005
For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING A ZIRCONIUM ALLOY SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AN ELONGATED PRODUCT AND USE THEREOF**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Final Office Action (8 pgs)** in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action of April 30, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following: